

## CLAIMS

1           1. (Currently Amended) A protective headgear system comprising,  
2                   a supportive shell,  
3                   a facial shield adapted to be attached to said supportive shell by  
4           conforming said facial shield to the circumference of said supportive shell,  
5                   a filtration device adapted to be mounted on top of said supportive shell  
6           and substantially secured thereto by said facial shield, and  
7                   a protective covering adapted to be mounted to the lower portion of said  
8           facial shield.

1           2. (Original) The system recited in claim 1 including,  
2                   a filter adapted for covering said filtration device.

1           3. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 1 including,  
2                   a shield protector adapted to be mounted to said facial ~~shell~~ shield.

1           4. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 1 including,  
2                   a headband adapted to be attached to the interior of said supportive shell.

1           5. (Original) The system recited in claim 1 wherein,  
2                   said supportive shell includes at least one spacer device thereon for  
3           supporting said filtration device.

1           6. (Original) The system recited in claim 1 wherein,  
2                   said facial shield includes a sealing means for removably sealing said  
3           facial shield and said filtration device to said supportive shell.

1           7. (Original) The system recited in claim 1 wherein,  
2                 said protective covering comprises a layer of air permeable material.

1           8. (Original) The system recited in claim 1 wherein,  
2                 said protective covering includes an aperture therein.

1           9. (Original) The system recited in claim 8 wherein,  
2                 said protective covering includes an adjustable closure means for  
3 substantially closing said aperture.

1           10. (Original) The system recited in claim 9 wherein,  
2                 said adjustable closure means comprises an elastic element around at  
3 least a portion of said aperture.

1           11. (Original) The system recited in claim 3 wherein,  
2                 said shield protector is selectively removable from said facial shield.

1           12. (Original) The system recited in claim 1 wherein,  
2                 said protective covering is mounted to said facial shield below said  
3 supportive shell.

1           13. (Original) The system recited in claim 1 including,  
2                 zipper means for connecting said protective covering to a bottom edge of  
3 said facial shield.

1           14. (Currently Amended) A protective headgear system comprising,  
2                 a supportive shell,

3 a facial shield adapted to be attached to said supportive shell,  
4 said facial shield includes a sealing means for removably sealing said  
5 facial shield to said supportive shell,

6 a filtration device adapted to be mounted on top of said supportive shell,  
7 said filtration device is secured to said supportive shell by said facial  
8 shield,

9 a protective covering adapted to be mounted to said facial shield,

10 a filter adapted for covering said filtration device, and

11 a shield protector adapted to be mounted to said facial shell shield.

1 15. (Original) The system recited in claim 14 wherein,

2 said protective covering conforms to the shape of said facial shield.

1 16. (Original) The system recited in claim 14 wherein,

2 said filter conforms to the shape of said filtration device.

1 17. (Cancelled) .

1 18. (Cancelled).

1 19. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 14 including,

2 a support means ~~adapted to be joined to~~ on said supportive shell to space  
3 said filtration device away from said supportive shell.

1 20. (New) The system recited in claim 14 including,

2 fan means mounted to said supportive shell below said filtration device.

1           21. (New) The system recited in claim 3 wherein,  
2                   said facial shield and said shield protector are substantially transparent to  
3 light.

1           22. (New) The system recited in claim 1 wherein,  
2                   said protective covering is fabricated of a flexible breathable material  
3 which substantially prevents transmission of particulate material therethrough.